

F: TRUMAN, HARRY S.

X: BOOK REVIEWS

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The following reference to US intelligence, by former President Truman, appears in his new book Truman Speaks, published by the Columbia University Press. At a student "press conference" at Columbia University, April 28, 1959, this dialogue occurred (P. 94):

"Student: 'How serious is the Berlin crisis?'

"President Truman: 'You'll have to ask the President. I don't know (laughter). I haven't got any intelligence service where I could tell you. I hope it's not as serious as the papers make out.'"

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